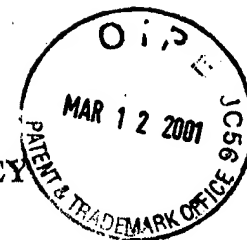


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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM FOR GENETIC ANALYSIS** for which an application for a United States Letters Patent was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 28, 2000, and assigned application Serial No. 09/650,005.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application and to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: None.

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We hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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